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SUBJECT: NEPA VERSION OF SOUTH AFRICAN BOYCOTT

1. AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, NIGERIA'S FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT (FNG) HAS BEEN SINCE ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE HERE IN AUGUST ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP A SECONDARY AND POSSIBLY TERTIARY BOYCOTT OF FIRM WHICH DEAL WITH SOUTH AFRICA. TO DATE, FINAL BOYCOTT FORM NOT RPT NOT DEVELOPED. FMG MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES TAKING OWN MEASURES RANING FROM NOTHING IN SOME CASES TO DEFENSE MINISTRY'S MCONTRACT CLAUSE THAT CONTRACTOR HAS NO BUSINESS WHATSOEVER WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

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2. DURING CALL ON NIGERIA'S GOVERNMENT-OWNED ELECTRICITY MONOPOLY, NATIONAL ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY (NEPA), EMBOFF GLEANED FOLLOWING ON NEPA'S BOYCOTT PRACTICSE, WHICH REMAINS INFORMAL AND UNEVEN. TOP OFFICIAL SAID HE HAS SEEN NO RPT NO OFFICIAL BOYCOTT DIRECTIVES SINCE HEAD OF STATE'S AUGUST SPEECH. TOP MANAGEMENT APPARENTLY DOES NOT CONSIDER SOUTH AFRICAN TIES IN CHOOSING NEPA CONTRACTORS. MIDDLE AND LOWER LEVELS, HOWEVER, SOMETIMES

ELIMINATE FIRMS FROM CONSIDERATION BECAUSE ANNUAL REPORT DESCRIBES SOUTH AFRICAN INVESTMENT (CEC OF UK). ON ONE OCCASION, NEPA OFFICIALS REFUSED TO DEAL WITH AN ENGLISH TECHNICIAN WHO HAD A SOUTH AFRICAN VISA DESPITE EXPATRIATE OFFICIAL'S PLEAS THAT TECHNICIAN POSSESSED VITAL AND UNIQUE SKILLS.

3. COMMENT:

FIRMS ARE OBVIOUSLY BEST ADVISED TO MINIMIZE SOUTH AFRICAN DEALINGS. SINCE PUBLICITY WOULD FORCE NEPA INTO STRICTER PRACTICE, ABOVE SHOULD BE CLOSELY HELD. EASUM

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